



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7000**

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT EQUALIZING ACCESS TO STUDENT-GENERATED  
FINANCIAL AID.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) Beginning in the fall  
2       semester of 2018, and for each semester thereafter, in accordance with  
3       8 USC 1621(d), any person who is entitled to classification as an in-  
4       state student for tuition purposes, including any person without legal  
5       immigration status who files an affidavit with an institution of higher  
6       education stating that such person has filed an application to legalize  
7       his or her immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he  
8       or she is eligible, pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes,  
9       shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by  
10      federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public institution of  
11      higher education in the state from the funds set aside by the  
12      constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes. For  
13      the purposes of this section, "institutional financial aid" means funds  
14      set aside from the anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of  
15      higher education for the purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition  
16      remissions, grants for educational expenses, and student employment  
17      for residents of the state enrolled as full or part-time matriculated  
18      students in a degree-granting program or enrolled in a precollege  
19      remedial program and who demonstrate substantial financial need.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher  
 21 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
 22 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who  
 23 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsection (a) of this  
 24 section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,  
 25 such institutional financial aid.

26 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public  
 27 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student  
 28 financial aid a person eligible for institutional financial aid under  
 29 subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was eligible  
 30 for such federal student financial aid.

31 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of  
 32 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are  
 33 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*